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Gujarat, Himachal elections

BJP wins

BJP workers, led by Mysuru City Unit President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, celebrating the party's victory at Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh in city this noon.

GUJARAT – 182 SEATS; TARGET 92

Projections till 1.30 pm

PARTY	RESULTS	ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL
BJP	103	-12	-62
CONGRESS +	76	+15	+59
OTHERS	3	-3	+3

Assembly: Compared to 2012 party position
National: Compared to 2014 Lok Sabha polls party position

HIMACHAL – 68 SEATS; TARGET – 35

Projections till 1.30 pm

PARTY	RESULTS	ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL
BJP	44	+18	-15
CONGRESS +	20	-16	+11
OTHERS	4	-2	+4

Assembly: Compared to 2012 party position
National: Compared to 2014 Lok Sabha polls party position

Ahmedabad, Shimla, Dec. 18- Counting of votes for the 182 seats in Gujarat and 68 seats in Himachal Pradesh began at 8 am today and as per reports trickling in from the two States, the BJP was set to win a fifth consecutive term in Gujarat but by a lower margin of victory than last time. The BJP will also form government in Himachal Pradesh with a big win, snatching another State from Congress.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Parliament for the Winter Session today, he flashed the 'V sign' for victory. Today's 2-0 result is "an approval of PM Modi's policies," said Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

Such a comfortable victory for BJP will mean the saffron party will rule Gujarat for five more years, making it 27 years of uninterrupted rule by the BJP in the western state. The record for a political party to rule a particular State for the longest term is held by Communist Party of India (CPI) that ruled West Bengal for 34 years from 1977 to 2011 with Jyoti Basu heading the government for 30 consecutive years.

(See BJP WINS on page 9)

Vajubhai ruled out as Gujarat CM

Bengaluru, Dec. 18 (KMS& BCT)- Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala may not be the next Gujarat Chief Minister. Reports earlier had suggested that Vala will become the CM if BJP came to power.

Sources scotched such reports and said that a young Other Backward Class (OBC) leader will be made the CM in the light of the emergence of leaders like Hardik Patel, Alpesh Thakore and Jignesh Mewani who considerably ate into the BJP vote share. The party wants to win back its OBC votes.

Earlier, reports had suggested that Vala will be replaced and moved out of Karnataka to assume power in Gujarat. Evident to the decision, Vala had even directed his Secretariat officials to clear all the pending files by Dec. 16. Even Vala had reportedly expressed his wish to return to active politics in Gujarat.

Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala

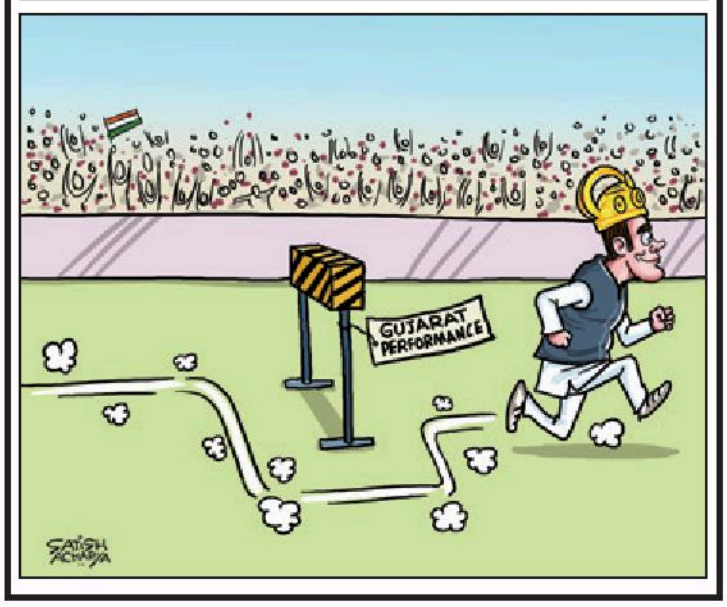
Representing Rajkot West Assembly constituency for record seven times, Vala hails from one of the backward communities. Though he was the Gujarat BJP President, Assembly Speaker and Cabinet Minister holding crucial portfolios, now age is not on his side as he is already 78. The party will follow the Maharashtra model where a young Devendra Fadnavis was chosen as the CM over senior leaders.

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled ***Remember Jinnah's demand for 800-mile corridor between East Pakistan and West Pakistan across India? — Ruminating on Railway Line from Kerala via Kodagu to Mysuru.*** **—Ed**

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Monday 18th December 2017

Make over of money power

An often heard slogan, bordering on tokenism, from the usual flock of public speakers of all hues, mostly on poll eve, is about *inclusive society,* meaning zero or near-zero gap between the current mass of economically weaker sections in the land and the rest who are comfortably placed in life, thanks to either enormous wealth or more income than to meet all *desires* of life, or both. A debate on the issues of achieving that make over in money power at the command of the people in the country is sure to be a fascinating academic exercise, throwing up options between achievable and impractical. The rich are in no frame of mind to part with their riches, barring some rare exceptions and the poor are entitled to dream about having their pockets jingling with cash. An anonymous quote says: you cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity. That is exactly what has happened to the grand measure proposed to capture black money and distribute among the country's poor mass. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not *first take* from somebody else.

Text-books on economics may have to include expressions of obvious home-truths such as *(a)* What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving, *(b)* You cannot *multiply* wealth by *dividing* it; *(c)* The inherent *vice* of capitalism is the *unequal* sharing of the blessings. The inherent *blessing* of socialism is the equal sharing of *misery*.

As the famed American humorist has said: If you *don't* read the newspaper, you are *uninformed;* If you *do* read the newspaper, you are *misinformed*. We read reports often published in the country's media about the steadily growing number of high-net-worth individuals. One doesn't need to be enlightened from which class of society majority of the new-found rich have emerged. The hard working sections in India's industry sector have reason to be wary of the political class shedding crocodile tears in the cause of the land's poor sections.

What should not happen is: When the poor sections get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other sections are going to take care of them, and the latter gets the idea that it does *no good* to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the *beginning of the end* of any nation. India's case fits this postulate eminently.

Achieving an inclusive society is more easily said than succeeding. An international team of researchers, based on a recent global study has averred that if rising inequality is not monitored properly and addressed, it can lead to various sorts of political, economic and social catastrophes. India finds itself currently in that scenario of the future.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A FEATHER IN MAHINDRA CAP: *Anand Mahindra, Chairman of the $19-billion diversified Mahindra Group, has announced a new achievement on Twitter. The 62-year-old businessman, recently blessed with a grandson, said he had come to a "profound conclusion" — that there were only a few things that could offer "as much sense of achievement" as getting a baby to burp after a meal. An interesting revelation from a man known to zealously guard his daughters' privacy.*

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Son victim of mom's medical abuse

Texas: We're constantly told that parents know best and always act in the interests of their children. Except when they don't, like Kaylene Bowen-Wright from Dallas, Texas, who subjected her son to 323 hospital visits and 13 major operations by convincing doctors that he was terminally ill. Now aged 8, Christopher has basically spent his whole life in doctors' offices, and has undergone over a dozen surgeries that left him with several life-threatening blood infections.

The cycle began days after Christopher was born and continued until 2015, when physicians at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston noticed that his mother's accounts clashed with the test results and overall visible condition of the young patient. They alerted Child Protective Services (CPS) and Bowen was arrested on charges of causing injury to a child. Christopher is now in foster care and his father is seeking custody.

Mobile-savvy beggars

Shandong Province: If you still have any doubts that mobile devices have taken over our lives, this should make you a firm believer: smart phones and QR codes have become tools of the trade for Chinese beggars. Mobile-savvy beggars in the city of Jinan, in China's Shandong province. They gather in areas popular with tourists, holding begging bowls that contain a QR code printout. Anyone with *Alipay, WeChat Wallet,* or some other mobile payment app can scan the code and make a donation. One of the beggars who caught the media's attention was a man with mental problems and the QR code he had was made by his family to help him. According to digital marketing company China Channel, many beggars in Beijing receive payment from local businesses for every QR code scanned by passers-by. The whole thing may sound weird to foreigners, but it must be noted that China is perhaps the country closest to a cashless economy and QR codes are the reason for that. The black&white,two-dim ensional barcodes are used in all sorts of ways: from payment in shops to tips in restaurants and cash gifts at weddings.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Why do we sneeze?

Sneezing is a reflex response with the purpose of clearing germs, dust, pollen, animal dander, irritants and pollutants from the nose. The brain sends a signal to the lungs to take a deep breath and expel it forcibly through the nose to clear out the debris. Usually, two or three sneezes are required to do the job.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

JSS student excels at Robot Expo in Japan

Mysuru, Dec.18 - JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science student N.M. Prathap participated in the recently held International Robot Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan and bagged gold and silver medals and cash prize of 10,000 dollars for his project on robotics. It is the world's largest Trade Show focussing on Robotics.

N.M. Prathap

The concept of Skill India has truly motivated many youngsters to think, expedite innovations for the betterment of tomorrow's India. As part of it, JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science has started UGC Deen Dayal Upadhyay Kaushal Kendra, which is providing necessary inputs to mould the young minds to be innovators. Prathap, a final B.Sc. student is a good innovator in the areas of Telegraphy in Border Security, Cryptography in Drone Networking System, Drones in Traffic Management and National Socio Defence.

For his achievements in these areas, he has won a position as Project Developer under Skill India by Ministry of Science and Technology, with a research Grant, according to a press release from the College Principal Prof. M. Mahadevappa.

Skill training for youths at RUDSET

Mysuru, Dec.18 - RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, will conduct skill training programmes for youths in Photography and Videography (30 days); C.C. Camera Installation and Repairs (13 days); Sheep and Goat Rearing (10 days); Fashion Design for women (30 days).

Interested candidates in the age group of 18 to 45 years belonging to Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts only need apply within Dec.27. For details contact the Director, RUDSET Institute, Main Road, Hinkal, Mysuru - 570 030 or on Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 8884554510 during office hours and Sundays also.

Really...?

- *Researchers at MIT have created a new imaging system that can acquire visual data at a rate of one trillion exposures per second, fast enough to capture light traveling the length of a one-litre bottle.*
- *The synthetic, biological leaf made by suspending chloroplasts in a silk protein matrix absorbs water and carbon dioxide to produce oxygen just like a plant and could enable long-distance space travel.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A student was asked to write a signboard for the traffic rules near the college campus. He wrote: "Drive Carefully! Don't kill the students, wait for the Teachers !"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 64.59
1 UK Pound	Rs. 86.14
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.58
1 Euro	= Rs. 75.97

VOICE OF THE READER

Ban on private vehicles

to Gangothri, a welcome move

Sir,

Apropos the news item ***"Private vehicles to be banned inside Gangothri"*** *(Star of Mysore* dated Dec.7) which is a most welcome move though belated. It is very much appreciated by one and all to retain and regain the glory of the name 'Manasagangothri.'

Nowadays vehicle population is equivalent to that of humans (if not even more) choking all roads and junctions of the campus. Vehicles of uncivilised people trespassing into Gangothri campus are making significant contribution to disturbing and distracting noise pollution by altered silencers, terrorising China horns, twin tone horns with cut outs blowing them even when not required, for cheap thrill.

Trespassers are seen smoking in Non-Smoking Zones and also parking their vehicles haphazardly. Many a time it is observed hapless teachers, while delivering lectures, have to pause for a while till the vehicle passes by and noise level comes down.

Monograms and petrol are also stolen till the last drop is exhausted from vehicles, especially from bikes when the owners are concentrating on their studies inside forcing them to push the bikes all the way to petrol bunks.

I request all the concerned to shift the central utility services like Banks, Post Office, canteen and even Administrative Office to the periphery of the campus to avoid entry of vehicles without passes to the campus to benefit the genuine law-abiding patrons.

— Dr. M. Shyam Prasad
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Govt. writes to Search Committee for new names to UoM VC post

Mysuru, Dec.18- It is already five months since the names of some of the aspirants for the post of Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore (UoM) had been recommended by the Search Committee headed by former VTU Vice-Chancellor Prof. H. P. Kincha.

It may be recalled, Governor Vajubhai R. Vala had sent back the names recommended by the State Government for UoM and Bangalore University asking them to send fresh names.

According to a source in the University, the Higher Education Department has already written a letter to Prof. Kincha to exclude the names of Prof. N.S. Ashok Kumar of Mass Communication and Journalism, Bangalore University, Prof R.K. Somashekar of Department of Environmental Science, Bangalore Universi-

ty and Prof. C.P. Siddashrama from the Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies who had been shortlisted as their names were rejected by the Governor.

The source said that there are nearly 60 to 70 names still in the list and most of them have applied to both UoM and Bangalore University. Some of the names include Prof. K.S. Raveesha of Botany Department, Prof. H.S.Prakash of Applied Botany, Prof. R. Rajanna of History Department, Prof. Muzzafar Assadi of Political Science Department, Prof. Siddegowda of Social Welfare Department and Prof. Lakshmanswamy of UVCE, Bangalore University.

It is learnt that Prof. Kincha has written to the other Search Committee members calling for a meeting at the earliest.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Vidyadeesha Swamiji in city

Udupi Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadeesh Swamiji will be arriving in city on Dec.20. The Swamiji will be received near Javaregowda Park in Saraswathipuram at 5 pm on Dec.20 and taken in a procession to Krishnadhama. The Swamiji will be accorded a civic felicitation and Guru Vandana at 6 pm on that day, according to a press release. For details, call: 0821-2544004.

Aradhane

As part of Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Vijayadasa Aradhane, an interaction on the works of the two Saints will be held at Sri Raghavendra Mutt in Jayalakshmipuram on Dec.21. Bhajana Mandalis and those interested in Dasa Sahitya can register. For details, contact Mob: 70196-07404 or 944491-50641, 99804-57589 or 98809-03523.

Kannada exams

The Kannada Sahitya Parishat will conduct the Pravesh, Kava, Jana and Rathna Kannada examinations (2017-18) at 18 centres across the State from Dec.27 to 31. Hall tickets have already been sent to the candidates by post. Those who have not got hall tickets should approach the Kannada Sahitya Parishat headquarters in Bengaluru [Ph: 080-26623584].

Financial aid

The Social Welfare Department will be implementing the scheme to provide financial assistance to those who have married across caste barriers, under the untouchability eradication programme. For details, contact Ph: 08223-264049.

Utsav'8

As part of its Annual Day celebrations, Shree Mahaveera Jain Vidyalaya has organised Utsav'8 cultural extravaganza at Kalamandira tomorrow at 4 pm. M. Zohra Jabeen, Director, Directorate of Urdu and other Minority Language Schools, GoK, will be the chief guest. Manjula, DDPI, Mysuru, will be the guest of honour. Devichand S. Salecha, President, Shree Mahaveer Jain Vidyalaya, Mysuru, will preside, according to a press release.

Secures first Rank in PSI selection

C. Rajendra Prasad, who trained at Jnana Deepti Competitive Exams Training Centre located on M.N. Jois Road opposite Marimallappa's College in city, has bagged the first rank in Police Sub-Inspector (Civil) selection exam. A total of 14 candidates trained at the centre have been successful in the PSI selection exam, according to a press release.

Sewage Farm is Siddharamaiah's 'illegitimate child,' says Ramdas

Residents of Vidyaranyapuram and surrounding areas are seen participating in the protest against Sewage Farm last week.

Mysuru, Dec.18- Former Minister and BJP leader S.A. Ramdas has alleged that garbage mafia was involved in indiscriminate sewage disposal at Excel Solid Waste Treatment Plant or Sewage Farm at Vidyaranyapuram here.

Ramdas, during the last week's protest he held demanding a permanent solution for garbage problem at Vidyaranyapuram, had alleged that some officials were permitting garbage trucks from Kerala to dump waste at Vidyaranyapuram.

Yesterday, speaking to reporters at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, he went a step ahead by saying that the Sewage Farm was the result of illogical planning by Chief Minster Siddharamaiah who had sanctioned the Plant.

"Siddharamaiah approved the Solid Waste Management Plant in 1998 when he was the Deputy Chief Minister in J.H. Patel's Cabinet. It was then said that it would function as a stop-gap arrangement, but that is not the case," said Ramdas.

Dubbing the Solid Waste Management Plant an 'illegitimate child' of Siddharamaiah, Ramdas added, "What was supposed to be a temporary arrangement has become a permanent one because of the CM's vested interests."

When the Plant was being planned, a stay was brought from the Karnataka High Court. Then, Siddharamaiah ordered his team of advocates to file an affidavit in the Court that said the Plant was a temporary solution. The Court was misled and we are suffering because of this move," he said.

Ramdas blamed Siddharamaiah Government of colluding with the garbage mafia and reiterated his claim that around 25 trucks from Kerala, leaden with garbage, were illegally dumping trash at Vidyaranyapuram Plant. "We found animal carcasses when we excavated the waste at the Plant," he stated.

Over nine new Solid Waste Plants were sanctioned and set up in city to ease the pressure on Vidyaranyapuram Plant but of them, eight are closed down as the CM was influenced by the garbage mafia and all the waste is being dumped at Vidyaranyapuram, he said.

The senior BJP leader further alleged that nearly 30 migrants from Bangladesh were working at the Plant, and illegally segregating waste. "We have brought this issue to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner and the City Police Commissioner," he said.

Ramdas said that pleas had been made seeking the intervention of the Central Pollution Control Board, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the National Human Rights Commission to solve the problem.

Ramdas, however, pointed out that he was happy with the outcome of the discussions and deliberations with Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep and officials of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). "The District Administration, MCC officials and other stakeholders have promised a permanent solution to the problem," Ramdas said.

As a temporary arrangement, the eight Zero Waste Management Plants across the city will be activated by Dec.31. Consequently, this will reduce the burden on Sewage Farm, he said.

Denying that the protest was a political one, he said that nowhere the BJP logo was used. The agitation was taken up keeping the health of the people in mind who are suffering because of pollution, he added.

22-member Uzbekistan delegation in city

'India is unique, its culture and history are popular across the world'

Mysuru, Dec.18 (KS)- "Compared to other nations, India is unique. Its culture and history are popular across the world," said Utkirbek, who is leading the 22-member youth delegation to city as part of Youth Exchange Programme initiated by the Union Ministry of Youth and Sports.

He was speaking after being welcomed by Nehru Yuva Kendra and Mysore Travels Association at Youth Hostel in city yesterday.

Stating that his country's literacy rate is almost 98%, Utkirbek said that nearly 90% of the youngsters prefer pursuing higher education and added that the Uzbekistan Government is trying to provide employment to nearly one million youngsters.

Apart from visiting tourist spots such as Mysore Palace and Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) Dam, the 22-member team will be visiting a pharmaceutical industry at Nanjangud and the Infosys Mysuru campus for which Mysuru Travels Association has made necessary transport arrangements for the Uzbek delegation.

Nehru Yuva Kendra District Youth Co-ordinator M.N. Nataraj said that India had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 27 countries including Uzbekistan for youth-exchange programmes and added that youth from these countries will have an opportunity to learn about our tradition and culture, besides visiting various tourist spots.

He said that Indian youth will be touring Uzbekistan next year and delegates will include outstanding students from IIMs, IITs and the Nehru Yuva Kendra.

President of Mysuru Travels Association B.S. Prashanth and Dean of University of Mysore Rudraiah were among those who welcomed the Uzbekistan youth delegation.

Ramdas on four-day visit to Delhi from tomorrow

To take up issues like UGC recognition to KSOU; Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act-2017 among others

Mysuru, Dec.18 (PM&NNN)-
Ramdas

Former Minister S.A. Ramdas will take up some of the issues like University Grants Commission (UGC) granting recognition to Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for the year 2017-18, amendment to Motor Vehicles Act-2017 (passing tenth standard not compulsory) and Parivara and Talwar communities in six districts to be included in the Scheduled Tribes list, during his four-day visit to New Delhi, beginning tomorrow (Dec.19).

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, he said that there is already a High Court direction to UGC directing it to grant recognition to KSOU within two weeks. "I will urge the UGC and the Central Government to immediately implement the High Court order," he said.

Along with this, we will also urge the Government to bring in an amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act-2017 not to make passing of tenth standard compulsory for issue of Driving Licence (DL). As Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu representatives have opposed it in the Rajya Sabha, a joint Committee has been constituted to look into it. MP Pratap Simha is also one of the members in the Committee and this time it will be demanded to implement this amendment, he said.

"We will also meet Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and press for the inclusion of Parivara and Talwar communities in the six districts of the State including Mysuru and Chamarajanagar into the Scheduled Tribes category. Valmiki Peetha's Sri Prasannananda Puri Swamiji is leading a delegation to Delhi in this regard," he said.

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STAR INTERVIEW

Mysuru Zoo is spotless, says US Zoo-keeper Anne Knapp-1

Indians rarely appreciate the achievements of others. It is only when the Western world sings praises, we wake up. This is exactly what happened when a Zoo-keeper from the United States of America visited Mysuru. Anne Knapp, Director of Animal Resources at Zoo England, was on a Rotary exchange programme visiting the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popular as Mysuru Zoo. She stayed here for two weeks and learnt many things about the 125-year old Zoo. *Star of Mysore* caught up with Anne Knapp on the concluding day of her visit at the residence of one of the hosts of Rotary of Club of Mysore West.

She is impressed by the way Mysuru Zoo is maintained. We publish this three-part interview in the light of Mysuru playing host to a four-day Annual Conference of Indian Zoo that began today (Dec. 18). Heads of Zoological Gardens from 28 States are participating in the Conference with the theme 'Vision 2030 of the Zoos in India'. —Ed

Excerpts...

US Zoo-keeper Anne Knapp

By N. Niranjan Nikam

SOM: How did it all begin before you came to Mysuru? What is your position in the Zoo New England?

Anne Knapp: I am the Director of Animal Resources at Zoo England which manages the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston and Stone Zoo, in Stoneham.

It began quite some time back. We had a zookeeper named Jonathan Gilmour who was pursuing his master's degree in Scotland. He passed away there and his parents David and Margaret, (Carson) Gilmour developed a fund in his memory - Gilmour Fund - to help zookeepers to attend conferences or conduct research.

I had hired Jonathan as the zookeeper and he was efficient, handsome and popular. In fact, he won the title 'Ultimate Zoo Keeper' title. One of the ways his parents fortified the fund was through an annual bike ride organised by Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club, Nashua. That was how Rotarian Krishna Mangipudi (who was the president of the club) got involved. The fund-raiser event raised money for the Gilmour Fund and it became a popular event every May.

Krishna Mangipudi started working closely with John Linehan, President and CEO of Franklin Zoo and Mysuru Zoo had a profound effect on him. He thought it would be a great idea if Boston Zoo formed a 'sister zoo' relationship with the Mysuru Zoo like the Boston-Mysuru 'sister city' concept.

SOM: Is it a private zoo?

Anne Knapp: It is a non-profit organisation and receives funds from Massachusetts government as the property is located in that State. The Zoo has to raise money on its own from gate collection.

SOM: How were you chosen for this exchange programme?

Anne Knapp: John Linehan recommended me for my broad background. I have experience in animal husbandry and I run the internship programme for animal pair department and I am on the National Zoo Safety Committee.

So he thought I would be able to cover many departments and have broad range to help them with. What he did not know was that I had a Bollywood addiction before this. When John approached me, I thought it was a joke and he was teasing me while he was asking me if I was interested in going to India - something that I thought I would never be able to do.

SOM: What is this Bollywood addiction about?

Anne Knapp: I had watched about 100 Bollywood movies and I really got interested in India. I have always liked Indian food – colours, taste and texture - and I also watched a lot of documentaries. So when I agreed to come I had the two extremes of India in my mind one that is outrageously optimistic and the other sort of seriously gritty.

SOM: Before you embarked on the journey to India, were you fully prepared?

Anne Knapp: We planned for a long time and made sure we were in contact with Mysuru Zoo. I was nervous initially but I had the most wonderful experience.

I came to Bengaluru on Nov. 1 and the city was beautifully decorated as it was Rajyotsava Day. It was such a perfect arrival. I took the KSRTC Flybus to Mysuru, which was extremely comfortable. That was my first experience with Indian traffic. India visit gave a depth and deepened my understanding of such an amazing place.

SOM: After you arrived in India what was the welcome like in Mysuru?

Anne Knapp: I was received by a few members of the Rotary Club of West and Rotarians are the best people you can meet. I felt like they are family to me. I started my stay with Rotary Mysore West Hon. Secretary Rtn. J.P. Aiyanna's family and learnt all about Coorg, Kodava cuisine, their history and that was a wonderful experience. The other three hosts I stayed were Rtn. PDG H.S. Shivanna, Rtn. C.R. Hanumanth and Rtn. Suryanarayan. I have got a wealth of information and the hosts have taken such good care of me.

SOM: Can you share the experience of visiting the Mysore Zoo?

Anne Knapp: Rtn. Reginald Wesley accompanied me and we met the Zoo Executive Director C. Ravishankar and had great introductory conversation about how we wanted to form a relationship. I wanted to learn about their Zoo and start a collaboration of sharing ideas. He generously set up a schedule for me and assigned Education Officer Shanthala who took me around the Zoo.

Ravishankar had organised lunch for me in the canteen every day which was another cultural experience. I started eating with my fingers and I tried everything. The only thing that I could not get to eat was ragii balls. One of the hosts made ragi rotti and that was the closest I could get.

SOM: What is the difference between your Zoo and the Zoo here?

Anne Knapp: Franklin Park Zoo and Mysuru Zoo are similar in size. The acreage they give for Mysuru Zoo includes Karanji Lake and the size is the same of Franklin Zoo. Mysuru Zoo will complete 125 years and we celebrated our centenary four years ago.

We have about 183 employees whereas here they have about 300 employees and that is interesting and it speaks. The zoo here is just spotless. The keepers are all round and you can see them in their uniforms. Our Zoo gets 6 lakh visitors annually where as Mysuru Zoo gets 300 million visitors and that is a huge number.

SOM: What about the number of animals in your Zoo and the Mysuru Zoo?

Anne Knapp: Franklin Park has a little more of small species, may be a 100 Seba's bats but having about 30 Indian bison are not the same as they are huge and take up a lot of space. Counting numbers is not the best way to compare the collection.

My feeling is that Mysuru Zoo has much more larger animals.. There is a dramatic collection of Indian gaur, Neelgai and elephants. We don't have elephants but we have gorillas and you don't have them. You have rhinos and we don't have them. We have pygmy hippos.

Mysuru Zoo is beautiful and well-landscaped. Tropical plants are beautiful and you can see plants are a priority here. Many of the plants are labelled, especially if they have medicinal values.

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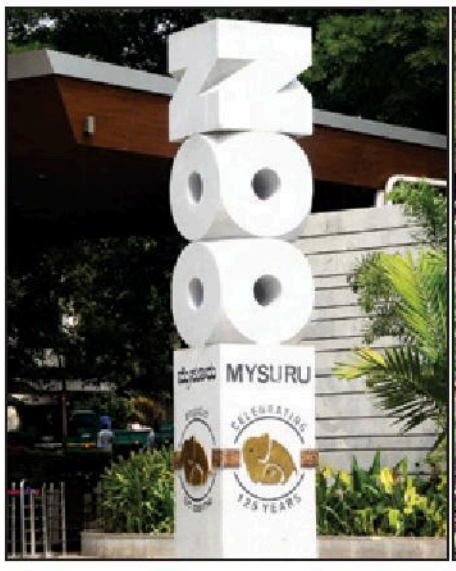


Winners of quiz competition held at Zoo

Mysuru, Dec.18- Following are the winners of quiz competition conducted by Mysuru Zoo recently: S. Vaishakh Prasad of JSS Public School and S. Bharath of Rotary Brindavan School (I prize); S. Karthik of Sadvidya High School and A. Mohammed Musthafa of R.G.A. High School (II prize); Jayanth K. Iyengar of Sadvidya High School and S. Akash Baskar of Sadvidya High School (III prize); D.C. Chethan of GSSS High School, H.V. Pranav of Sadvidya High School (Consolation prize).

The prizes will be given during the end of December-2017 on the occasion of Youth Club valedictory function, according to Zoo Executive Director.

Excels in MMA Championship

Kavya Shree

Mysuru, Dec.18- K. Kavya Shree, 2nd year B.Com student of K. Puttaswamy First Grade College, has won first prize in First Karnataka State Sport MMA Championship held at FIT Doddanekundi, Marathahalli, Bangaluru, recently.

She represents Academy of Martial Science, Mysuru, with coach Kru. M.N. Vikram.

Wins Luxury Hotel Award

B. Harikumar, GM

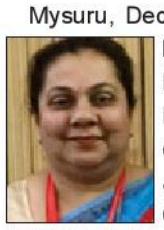
Mysuru, Dec.18- Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Mysuru, has won the 'Luxury City Hotel - South West Asia Region' at the recently concluded World Luxury Hotel Awards 2017, at St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Established in 2006, World Luxury Hotel Awards is the pinnacle of achievement in the luxury hotel industry offering international recognition as voted by guests, travellers and industry players alike.

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel has been on an award-winning streak ever since inception.

"This is the fifth award we are winning ever since our launch," said B. Harikumar, the General Manager of the Hotel.

Bag National Awards



Dr. Najma Mobin

Mysuru, Dec.18- Dr. Najma Mobin, Asst. Professor, Department of Anatomy, JSS Medical College, was awarded National Mahila Rattan Gold Medal at an event organised by the International Institute of Education and Management at New Delhi recently in recognition of her achievements.

Dr. K.P. Mahesh

Dr. K.P. Mahesh, Reader, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, JSS Dental College and Hospital, Mysuru, was awarded first runner-up for excellence in performance, for his presentation titled 'Theranostics - A Way To Goo' at the 29th National Conference of Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology organised under the aegis of ITS Centre for Dental Studies and Research, Ghaziabad.

Participating in the movement against profiteering

The Government is committed to ensure that the consumers enjoy the benefit of lower prices of goods and services under GST.

Under GST, suppliers of goods and services must pass on any reduction in the rate of tax or the benefit of Input Tax Credit to consumers by way of commensurate reduction in prices. If this is not done, the consumer's interest is protected by the National Anti-profiteering Authority, which may order:

(A) Reduction in prices

(B) Return of the amount not passed on with interest @ 18% to the recipient

(C) Imposition of penalty

(D) Cancellation of registration of the supplier

Affected consumers may file an application, in the prescribed format*, before the Central Standing Committee on Anti-profiteering if the profiteering has All-India character OR before the State Screening Committees if the profiteering is of local nature.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Central Standing Committee on Anti-profiteering
Second Floor, Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi-110001. Tel No.: 011-23741537
Fax No.: 011-23741542
Email: anti-profiteering@gov.in

State Screening Committee on Anti-profiteering
Contact details of State Screening Committee on Anti-profiteering are available at the URL : goo.gl/eYJXnK

The list of items, on which GST have been reduced w.e.f. 15.11.2017, is available at the URL : goo.gl/9nSzq5. Accordingly, there should be a corresponding reduction in price/MRP on these goods. Consumers may take note of these reductions while making purchases. Consumers are advised to approach State Screening Committees or the Central Standing Committee on Anti-profiteering in case of any grievance(s).

Application by Consumer

State Screening Committee
Confirm prima facie evidence of profiteering

Central Standing Committee
Confirm prima facie evidence of profiteering

Director General of Safeguards, CBEC
For investigating profiteering

National Anti-profiteering Authority
For determining profiteering & passing appropriate order to ensure consumers benefits from reduced prices

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*Anti-Profiteering Application Form (APAF-1) is available at the URL : goo.gl/e6tnsG

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remember Jinnah's demand for 800-mile corridor between East Pakistan and West Pakistan across India?

Ruminating on Railway Line from Kerala via Kodagu to Mysuru

I had gone away from my job as a journalist since 10th of December, 2017. The persistent fever had taken away my interest in doing what I love most — reading.

Since a couple of days I resumed my book-reading and also reading articles that I was asked to read and comment. One such was about the proposed Railway Line from a place called Thalassery in Kerala to our city Mysuru. The article, rather a report, titled ***"Kodagu to be Kerala's appendage if Railway Line is not stopped"*** is by a native Kodava (not an NRI or NRK!) Kambeyanda Sunil Biddappa, Retired Senior Vice-President, ITC Ltd.

It lays bare the immediate and long-time dangers Kodagu, as a geographical area and the people who live there, will face. **Apart from destroying forests, coffee estates, paddy fields, another human problem that would hit Kodagu will be relocating people living in areas acquired by the Railways. It is the most painful part of the project that would do good only to people of Kerala**.

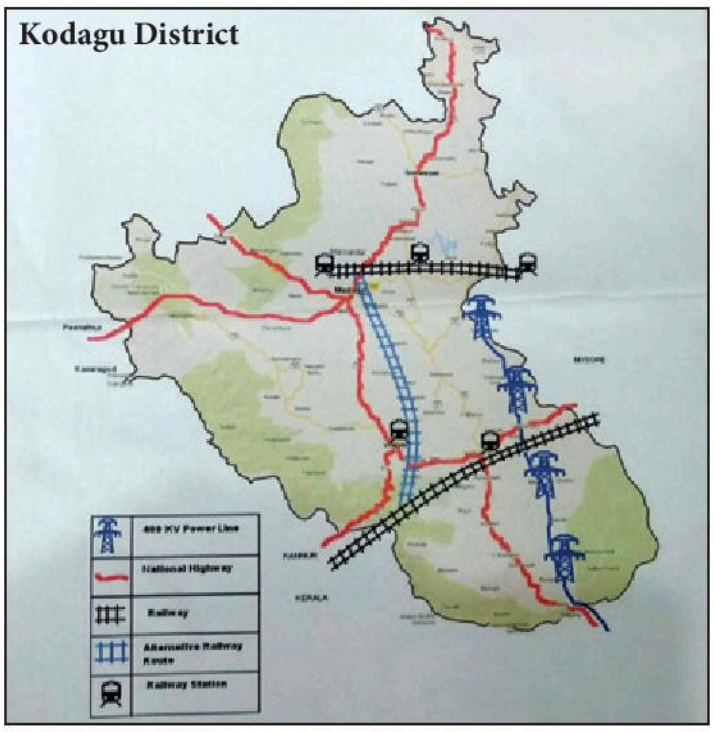
Kodagu is part of Karnataka, therefore Karnataka Government and Karnataka people (Governments are always fickle, ideologically driven or with its 5-year agenda) should forthwith stop this project in the initial stage itself, in which it is now. Otherwise, it will be another case of "High Tension Power Line" with those giant steel towers passing through Kodagu (again South Kodagu) which benefits Kerala ONLY.

If Karnataka wants to safeguard its border district Kodagu from eventually becoming *de facto* part of Kerala and avoid Kodagu being converted into hot-bed of anti-nationals, the time is now to say NO and STOP this most dangerous Railway Line. I agree with Biddappa.

Now, I have some questions to ask our 'Responsible Government.' The survey for this 145.5-km Railway Line was conducted by Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line Action Council.

Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Jawaharlal Nehru



How and why did Karnataka Government allow this survey to be conducted in its land (Kodagu)? Whose Government was in power? BJP, BJP-JD(S) alliance, Congress-JD(S) alliance or the present Congress?

Who were the IAS or IRS officers who advised the Karnataka Government to give such permission?

Sri Adichunchanagiri Seer late Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji once told me and my friend late former MLA H.S. Shankaralingegowda that Karnataka failed to get many Central-assisted projects sanctioned because all the 'decision-making' IAS, IFS (Forest Service), Revenue Service, IPS, IRS and other officers were 98% non-Kannadigas.

Karnataka Government and Karnataka people must realise a country or a geographical area loses its original identity when native population is overwhelmed by the immigrant population.

Next time when there is a Review of the **State Reorganisation,** may be after 50 or 100 years, Kodagu may well disappear and become part of Kerala, like Kasaragod. Kannadigas are warned.

Well, if Kannadigas are not bothered about Kodagu's identity in the future, then one will have to call our good old N.U. Nachappa of Codava National Council (CNC) and Dr. Subramanian Swamy who espoused the cause of Autonomy or a Hill Council Status to Kodagu under the Constitution within the framework of Karnataka. First, abolition of Jamma land tenure; Second laying of High Tension Steel Towers; Third, 4-lane National Highway; Fourth, the Railway Line from Mysuru to Kushalnagar; Fifth, one-km Buffer Zone from the edges of Forest lands and Game Sanctuaries; Sixth, Greater Talacauvery Eco-Sensitive Zone; Seventh, reckless conversion of agricultural land — paddy and coffee — to commercial use like Holiday Resorts, Hotels, Housing Colonies, Home Stays etc., and now another 145.5-km Railway Line in South Kodagu as mentioned earlier.

Sunil Biddappa has rightly pointed out that all these developments do not portend well for the future existence of Kodagu as a unique land of thick forests with deep valleys and high peaks, a beauty to behold.

Sunil Biddappa says, "*It is not only the ecological and economic disaster it portends but also the safety of its people, especially womenfolk staying alone in the estates who will be vulnerable. This will also attract hundreds of fundamentalists across the border who will make Kodagu an important hub for their nefarious activities like radicalising the local youth and other anti-national activities.*"

He further warns the people of Kodagu, who are by nature apolitical and complacent, thus: "*For the survival of our homeland it is time the people of Kodagu come out of their ivory towers and support the cause with resources to fight against this disastrous proposal of the Railways to save Kodagu from exploitation, impacting the social and cultural ethos of the original inhabitants and finally becoming a colony of the neighbouring State.*"

As years pass, population increases, the demand for land in Kodagu will increase. Naturally, the neighbouring State Kerala would utilise Kodagu as a corridor to go to big cities of Karnataka like Mysuru and Bengaluru where already we find a gradual growth of investment from Keralites (with Dubai money) and corresponding growth of the population of migrant Keralites of all communities. If Kodagu people have ears to hear, let them hear Biddappa and act now. Otherwise let them see with the eyes they have, the end of Kodagu.

The imminent, inevitable consequence of providing such corridors and connectivity between two geographically separate units under separate Governments with two separate racial population, as in this case, should be viewed with future concerns on security and demographic balance of the State or District which provides such corridors or connectivity. **Here in this case it is the Karnataka Government that should worry.**

I am reminded of the Partition plans for India, with many alternative suggestions that included how not to divide India, that followed the visit of the **Cabinet Mission** to India.

The Resolution on Partition was adopted on 15th June 1947. And Partition came two months later, on 15th August 1947. The Resolution was to partition Punjab in the West and Bengal in the East as Pakistan — a Muslim nation. **The majority Hindu India settled for Secular nation.**

The fact that Pakistan would have two wings with NO land connectivity worried the Muslims. So, Muhammad Ali Jinnah suggested a 800-mile (1,280-km) long corridor across **Secular India** to link West and East **Muslim Pakistan.** For once, for the good fortune of Secular India neither the British nor the Congress agreed. Jinnah was adamant. But when he realised that this 'issue' may further delay the day of Independence he did not pursue it.

Imagine, what would have been the social, economical and political consequence now if India had agreed for that corridor? This 1,280-km-long corridor would have had a free-run for militants and terrorists. Be that as it may, think of the hand of providence. In 25 years Pakistan did not find any need for this corridor. You guessed it.

If only Prime Minister of Britain Neville Chamberlain was firm and ruthless with Hitler there would have been no World War II at all. A country is great only if it produces, as often as possible, great leaders like in America or in Europe. After Nehru, who did we get as great leaders? Indira Gandhi, P.V. Narasimha Rao and now Narendra Modi. *Jai Hind.*

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Zoo Directors' conference begins

Running zoos is a big challenge; become self-sufficient, say experts

Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairperson Mallige Veeresh lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Annual Conference of Indian Zoos organised by Central Zoo Authority and Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru at Hotel Radisson Blu here this morning. Others seen are (from left) Mysuru Zoo Executive Director C. Ravishankar, ZAK Member Secretary B.P. Ravi, CZA Member Secretary Dr. D. N. Singh, CZA Member C.S. Yalakki, Nagaland Chief Wildlife Warden Satyprakash Tripathi and Gokul of Bannerghatta Zoo. Picture right shows a section of delegates participating in the conference. [Turn to page-6 for an interview with US Zoo-keeper Anne Knapp].

Mysuru, Dec.18 (MTY&NNN) -The day- to-day affair of running zoos in the country is a big challenge these days and zoos should become self-sufficient, said a few experts at the Annual Conference of Indian Zoos organised by Central Zoo Authority and Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru here this morning..

Speaking at the inauguration of the four-day conference on the theme "Vision 2030 of the Zoos in India" at Hotel Radisson Blu, Dr. D. N. Singh, Member Secretary of Central Zoo Authority (CZA), said that in today's circumstances, managing zoos are becoming very difficult. "Most of the zoos in the country need a lot of development and improvement as there is shortage of manpower in a few places. The animals should be provided quality healthy food and treatment," he said.

He called for the support of the public to maintain zoos and also said that good Directors are required to maintain the zoos. "Do not confine yourself to the chambers. Instead go out and see what is happening and see that basic facilities like good drinking water and clean toilets are provided to the visitors."

He said that when the zoo was started by the then rulers in Mysuru it was mainly for entertainment of the visitors. It has moved from mere entertainment to conservation now, he added.

Echoing the sentiments of the Member Secretary, C.S. Yalakki, Member of CZA said "It is a serious and a challenging task to run the zoos as we need better grooming for the animals, provide safe drinking water and healthy diet."

Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member Secretary B.P. Ravi said that zoos should become self-sufficient. "It should stop asking for funds from the government and depend on its own revenues. There are three important issues that a zoo should concentrate — Cleanliness, toilets and restaurant. If all these three are taken care of then it can attract more visitors," he said and added that nearly 35,000 to 38,000 people visit the Mysuru Zoo everyday.

Inaugurating the conference ZAK Chairperson Mallige Veeresh said that Mysuru Zoo is celebrating 125 years of its existence. "In all these years it has grown and has been identified as one of the foremost zoos in the country," she said.

Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo C. Ravishankar, Nagaland Chief Wildlife Warden Satya Prakash Tripathi, Project Elephant Director Manoj Kumar, delegates from across the country, Zoo and the Forest Department officials are attending the four-day conference. The last two-days of the conference will be held at Jungle Lodges and Resort in Kabini.

Gujarat, Himachal elections: BJP wins

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Today, the BJP breathed easy after three hours into counting as the initial trends either showed Congress in the lead or a neck-and-neck fight. As the clock ticked 11.30, the real trends began to show that indicated a comfortable victory in Gujarat and a sweep in Himachal Pradesh.

An hour into the counting of votes, the Congress had suddenly gained on the BJP and at one stage even overtook them as markets fell over 850 points as BJP was staring at a possible defeat. But after 45 very nervous minutes for the BJP, the fortunes turned around for the party.

The election in Gujarat is seen as a prestige battle for both Modi and newly-elected Congress President Rahul Gandhi. For Modi, Gujarat being his home State makes it a must-win battle for the BJP, while for Rahul Gandhi, a loss would be seen as a bad start as President, especially because he was the face of the Congress and spearheaded its campaign and strategy in the State.

With just over a year left for the 2019 general elections, Modi and his party know the significance of this crucial win for the BJP. Celebrations have begun at the BJP headquarters in Delhi and in Gujarat capital Gandhinagar. The BJP has dismissed suggestions that the lower numbers in Gujarat are a setback. "How can a victory be a setback? A setback is for a person who doesn't win. We are consistently winning with PM Modi leading the party," said the party's Nalin Kohli.

The Congress has said it views the Gujarat result as a gain for its better performance. "The Congress did manage to tap into the anti-incumbency sentiment. It is important to understand Gujarat is not like other States. It's the BJP citadel. I think we are doing very well," said Sharmishta Mukherjee of the Congress.

Missed 7 pm train to Mysuru? Wait till midnight for the next

SWR diverts Kannur-Karwar Daily Express to Kunigal from Bengaluru; Changes to come into effect from Feb. 10, 2018

Mysuru, Dec.18- Passengers commuting between Bengaluru and Mysuru on a daily basis are in for a shock as the South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to divert the Kannur-Karwar Express via Kunigal instead of Mysuru from Feb.10, 2018.

The daily express, which ferried passengers from Bengaluru's Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station at 8.30 pm throughout the week, will now travel via Kunigal Town in Tumakuru four days a week (Sunday to Wednesday). Earlier, passengers who missed the 7 pm push-pull train to Mysuru would board the Kannur-Karwar Express but now they will have to wait till midnight for the Passenger train. However, the train will operate via Mysuru on rest of the days (Thursday to Saturday).

Currently, more than 20 trains are operating between Mysuru and Bengaluru every day ferrying around 20,000 passengers. This apart, majority of 5,000 to 6,000 passengers from Mandya, Ramanagaram, Channapatna and surrounding places, who travel everyday to Bengaluru to attend jobs, are dependent on the 8.30 Kannur Express for the return journey.

On the other hand people travelling to Mangaluru and Karwar are elated as the journey time is expected to come down by a couple of hours with distance reducing around 80 kms.

However, regular commuters between Mysuru and Bengaluru have demanded an alternative train at the same time from Bengaluru.

Sources at SWR said that the Railway Authorities were thinking of extending the services of the train commuting between Bengaluru and Ramanagaram to Mysuru. But it was still at the discussion level.

'Wee Care' seeks destitute-free city

Mysuru, Dec.18 (PM&US)- About 50 members of 'Wee Care' organisation took out a rally from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple here this morning passing through Gandhi Square Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road and Hunsur Road before Culminating at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office.

The members urged MCC authorities to make the city destitute-free as it has already won the 'Cleanest city' tag twice. They contended that the existing two Rehabilitation Centres for destitutes run by MCC were insufficient. They sought better infrastructure at the Centres.

'Wee Care' President Manu B. Menon and leaders of various other supporting organisations were present. A memorandum was submitted to the DC.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Subtle change for better energy

Placing candles of red and yellow at Southwest or North-east could enhance prosperity, health and happiness.

Feng Shui is not a religious practice or a belief but in its simplest form is the art of placing or arranging objects within a space based on certain calculations and logical analysis. It could also be referred as an environmental science and its origins are simple and it is the interpretation of the natural world. From nutrition to medicine, exercise (Taichi), martial arts, fine arts to calligraphy, Feng Shui underlies all aspects of life.

Everything in the Universe is energy. All life forms, including humans, are comprised of subtle electrical fields that affect vital functions such as growth, metabolism, health, thought, emotions and movement. At the quantum level, the human body composed of ions, minerals and water is a conductor of electrical energy. Billions of electrical impulses regulate the activity of every living cell affecting our human body's well-being and its ability to heal itself.

A dark, untidy bedroom, for example, contributes to an atmosphere of fatigue and depression, which in turn makes it harder for you to find the energy to clean the place up and air it out. In Feng Shui terms, it is also undermining your ability to attract and maintain a joyful and supportive romantic attachment. On the other hand, a clean, fresh and organised bedroom ensures good sleep and health which in turn contributes towards your overall prosperity. Simple Feng Shui tips are potent enough to bring out subtle changes in your life.

A slow and meandering energy flow is considered very auspicious and this can be achieved using plants, low furniture and room dividers such as counters and side boards that slow down the 'Chi.'

One can say that Feng Shui has been adjusting the environment for thousands of years by adding or subtracting items from the environment to create smoother and harmonious energy. The Chinese believe that the life force operates through the interplay of the five elements — fire, earth, metal, water and wood. Each of these elements represents a vital human organ and any interference of the elements causes an imbalance in one of these five elements.

• Placing candles of red and yellow at Southwest or North-east could enhance prosperity, health and happiness.

• If you feel excessively stressed out, look around for excess dark red colours and after identifying the spots, change the colours.

• Occasionally change the furniture or create a new arrangement but ensure it does not obstruct the flow of 'Chi.'

• Maintain the home periodically through re-painting and ensure that the areas like the terrace, balcony and the canopies are cleaned.

By adapting simple guidelines and thumb rules we could make our place of dwelling a lot better not just in terms of quality of life but usher in good health too.

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ICSI to refund 100 % fees to poor, meritorious students

Mysuru, Dec.18- The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has announced a 100 percent fees refund scheme for meritorious and economically weaker students registering in CS Course in December 2017, in its Foundation and Executive programme.

This initiative of the ICSI during its Golden Jubilee Year is to bring the meritorious students as well as economically weaker students who cannot afford higher education, to the mainstream, by providing free registration to pursue higher education course like the prestigious Company Secretaryship (CS) course.

The fee refund scheme will be open for all students for one month only in the month of December 2017. It will be applicable for the meritorious students who have scored 70 percent marks in 10+2 examinations for Foundation Stage and similar refund if they score 60 per cent in Graduation for Executive Stage.

Refund will be given to economically weaker students who have attained 55 percent marks in 10+2 exams for Foundation Stage and similar refund if they attain 50 percent in Graduation for Executive Stage. This refund shall be through ICSI's SEFT (Students Education Fund Trust) and all subsequent benefits for conditional fee refund thereafter shall be given to such students.

This is a major step taken by the Institute in promoting excellence in Corporate Governance including various other path-breaking initiatives taken by the Institute for the inclusive growth of youth.

Dr. Shyam Agrawal, President, ICSI, said that through this move, the Institute is expecting to empower the meritorious students and economically weaker sections. The country has abundance of young talent and Institute is taking a lead in nurturing their talent through such noble initiatives, he added.

He urged the members of the Institute to propagate this initiative amongst the prospective students to reach out to the meritorious and economically deprived sections of the society, according to N. Dhanabal, Executive Assistant, ICSI-Mysore Chapter, in a press release.

Winners of rolling shield at Samartha Sadvidya

Prize-winning students of Vijaya Vittala PU College are seen with Principal H. Satyaprasad and lecturers Shobharani and N. Anitha.

Mysuru, Dec.18- The students of Vijaya Vittala PU College have bagged several prizes in 'Samartha Sadvidya' Inter-Collegiate Cultural Competitions organised by Sadvidya Composite PU College recently and were awarded with the rolling trophy.

In classical vocal, C.V. Shruthi got first prize and Chilkunda Aruna Thyagaraju - third prize; in classical instrumental, C.V. Shruthi - first and T.S. Srinidhi - second; in English Debate, H.P. Pruthvi - first; in quiz contest, Shankar N. Athreya and H.P. Pruthvi - second; in Kannada Debate, T.S. Srinidhi - second; in film hits, Siri Vanalli - third; in Bharatanatyam, S.P. Soundarya - third and in folk song, B.K. Sneha - third.

C.N. Vaidyanathan Memorial Rolling Trophy and K.R. Seethalakshmi Memorial Rolling Trophy were awarded to Vijaya Vittala students for overall best performance.

In Kumuda Memorial Inter-Collegiate Bhavageeta contest organised by Marimallappa's PU College, Siri Vanalli got third prize and in Jagadeesh Memorial Inter-Collegiate Kannada Debate Contest, Shankar N. Athreya bagged third prize.

Orientation on 'Quality of Higher Education'

Mysuru, Dec.18 (SV)- A UGC sponsored one-day orientation programme on 'Quality of Higher Education, Importance of Research and ICT-enabled Teaching' was organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Mysuru, recently.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, former VC, Kuvempu University.

He opined, "Various changes have taken place in the world and hence education should also abide with it. In this concern, the curricula in higher education should also go hand-in-hand with the changes. This will ensure the production of quality students to the society."

He suggested teachers to read the books authored by eminent persons so that they educate students in this line to become good citizens of the country.

Shankarappa, Director, General Administration, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, presided.

Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive of the College, welcomed. Prof. M. Mahadevappa, Principal, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. B.K. Kendagannaswamy, IQAC Coordinator, was also present.

In the day-long event, three technical sessions were held — Prof. P. Venkataramaiah highlighted on maintaining high quality in higher education; Prof. B.S. Vishwanath spoke on significance of research and Dr. P.K. Mukand Raj addressed on ICT-enabled teaching.

Tour of Nilgiris (TfN) 2017

Nils Eigil Bradtberg bags double

Seen in the picture (from left) Naveen Thomas John, Lena Mareike, Josefine Robra, Alexi Singh Grewal and Nils Eigil Bradtberg who emerged as winners in various categories of Tour of Nilgiris (TfN). Picture right shows Cyclists in action during the Tour of Nilgiris (TfN) 2017.

Mysuru, Dec. 18 - Nils Eigil Bradtberg hogged the limelight on the concluding day of the 10th edition of the Tour of Nilgiris TfN 2017 by winning a double crown clinching - the overall category title (1:25:34.95s) and Masters category (between 35-45 years) title, here yesterday.

Nils Eigil Bradtberg was given the King of Kalhatti for climbing the hill 1:08:32.94 sec, while Lena Mareike Josefine Robra was given the Queen of Kalhatti title for climbing it in 1:28:22.22 sec.

The Tour of Nilgiris (TfN), the annual tour of RideACycle Foundation, successfully concluded in Mysuru yesterday with cyclists pedaling 171 kms from Ooty through Pykara, Gudalur, Mudumalai, Bandipur, Gundlupet before reaching the city.

The grand tour with a contingent of 128 cyclists had pedaled 1000+ kms across Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, between Dec. 10 and Dec. 17.

Starting from Bengaluru the cyclists pedaled through Madikeri, Sultan Bathery, Udhagamandalam (Ooty), Kodanad, Kothagiri, Manjoor and finished at Mysuru.

The results: Overall Category: 1) Nils Eigil Bradtberg - 1:25:34.95 sec, 2) Naveen Thomas John - 1:25:55.38 sec, 3) Kiran Kumar Raju - 1:28:54.13.

Men's Category (Under 35 years of age): 1) Naveen Thomas John - 1:25:55.38 sec, 2) Kiran Kumar Raju - 1:28:54.13 sec, 3) Shiven - 1:34:10.59 sec.

Masters Category (Between 35 and 45 years of age): 1) Nils Eigil Bradtberg - 1:25:34.95 sec, 2) Vivek Radhakrishnan - 1:37:43.07 sec, 3) N. Venkateswara Rao - 1:40:08.70 sec.

Veteran's Category (over 45 years of age): 1) Alexi Singh Grewal - 1:39:29.82 sec, 2) Louwrens Van Der Steen - 1:50:27.61 sec, 3) Richard Mueller - 1:52:5 06 sec.

Women's Category: 1) Lena Mareike Josefine Robra - 1:44:21.57 sec, 2) Belinda Viegas Nueller - 2:12:44.87 sec, 3) Margareta Wivian Benson - 2:32:52.22 sec.

SGFI National PU Tennis Tournament

City's Manish fares well

Mysuru, Dec.18 - City's upcoming tennis player G. Manish, I PUC student of Sapient PU College, Vijayanagar, Mysuru representing Karnataka in the National SGFI PU Tennis Tournament in Delhi lost in the pre-quarterfinals of Boys U-17 singles event. Manish lost to Gagandeep of Delhi 3-6, 3-6.

Earlier, in the second round Manish scored a well eared win over Sarvesh Mania 5-3.

ACUK District Level Inter-School Cricket Tournament

Sarvesh Kumar shines for Excel Public School

Mysuru, Dec.18 - An inspiring spell of bowling by Sarvesh Kumar (five for 13) helped Excel Public School, Mysuru to register a 67-run win over Sadvidya HS and enter the quarter-finals of District Level Inter-School Cricket Tournament being organised by Association of Cricket Umpires Karnataka (ACUK) held at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, here recently.

The Scores: Pre-quarter Finals: Excel Public School 147 for nine in 30 overs (Vinay Prem 46, Abhay Rangan 35) bt Sadvidya HS 80 in 19.4 overs (Sarvesh Kumar five for 13); Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama 197 in 24.2 overs (Swaroop Kumar 117, Venkatesh three for 48, Hemachandra three for 25) bt CFTRI 75 in 22 overs (Swaroop Kumar four for 18).

Marimallappa HS 191 for nine in 30 overs (Mahendra Kumar 72, K. Kethan three for 23) bt Ideal Jawa Rotary School 60 in 19.3 overs (Mahendra Kumar four for 13, N.P.Vagesh three for 25).

II Round: Sadvidya HS 161 for eight in 30 overs (Dhanush Raj Urs 60) bt Baden Powell HS 97 in 25.2 overs (Akhilesh B. Rao 51, Raghavendra four for nine).

Kendriya Vidyalaya 135 in 27 overs (Rohit Yadav 45, Daivik Sanath four for 34) lost to St. Joseph's Central School 136 for two in 17.5 overs (Chakshu R. Gowda 58 n.o).

Abhinava Bharathi Vidya Kendra 73 in 28.3 overs (S.N. Chethan three for 19) lost to Manasa Sarovara Pushkarni School 75 for one in 12.4 overs (Swaroop Kumar 37).

Marimallappa HS 210 for seven in 30 overs (Suman 60) bt Royal Concorde HS 115 in 27.4 overs (Pawan 40, Rishab 39, Abhinom Jacob five for 26).

Abhinava Bharathi Vidya Kendra, Mandya 89 in 24.6 overs (Lohith four for 30, Nitish three for 12) lost to CFTRI, Mysuru 89 for four in 17.3 overs (Bhuvan 35 n.o).

Indian Super League 2017

ATK tastes first victory of the season

Mumbai, Dec. 18 - A spectacular save late into added time by Debjit Majumder helped ATK to a 1-0 victory over Mumbai City FC in the Hero Indian Super League (ISL), here at the Mumbai Sports Arena, yesterday.

The victory, fashioned by a moment of calmness from Robin Singh in the 54th minute, was the defending champions' first of the season.

Mumbai City FC had come into the game hoping to take all three points to leapfrog local rivals FC Pune City into the top four in the ISL table. ATK, on the other hand, entered the contest as the only team without a bag full of three points.

Yesterday's Result

Bengaluru FC 1 FT Chennaiyin FC 2

Mumbai City FC 0 FT ATK 1

Next Match - Dec. 20

NorthEast United FC Vs Mumbai City FC

Venue: Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, Guwahati.

Catch the live action on

STAR SPORTS NETWORK

Mysuru U-18 boys win overall championship

The Mysore District Athletic Association's boys who won the U18 overall championship title in the State Cross Country Championships 2017 held at Ramanagaram on Saturday last are seen posing with the trophy. MDAA Hon. Secretary Srikanth is also seen.

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Plea to prevent dumping of garbage between houses at Rajiv Nagar

A vacant site between two houses on the 2nd Cross at Rajiv Nagar 2nd Stage is being used to dump garbage and also construction debris by the public. This is causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents living in the vicinity. Despite the neighbours cleaning up the site and requesting the public not to throw garbage, the same is continuing till date. In spite of giving complaints to the MCC and also the site owner, no action has been taken. This apart, bushes have grown in the vacant site resulting in reptiles making it their home. Authorities concerned and the site owner are urged to take action at the earliest.

Protruding water pipe posing danger to motorists at B.M. Sri Nagar

A water pipe, protruding in the middle of 15th Cross, 2nd Main Road in B.M. Sri Nagar, is posing danger to motorists especially during night times. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps before any fatalities take place.

Absence of drainage retaining wall posing danger to public

The absence of a retaining wall to the big drain behind Ambedkar Bhavan opposite Zakariya Masjid in Udayagiri coming under MCC Ward No.52 is posing danger to the public, especially motorists and children. Residents say that during rainy season, the rainwater fills the drain resulting in sewage water from the drain overflowing on the road. Even the mud on which the road is laid is also being swept away which may gradually result in the road caving-in. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the retaining wall constructed at the earliest to prevent further damage and take note of public safety.

Stray Dog Menace and Rabies

A pack of stray dogs at Government Guest House premises in Nazarbad.

There is stray dog menace in the city with each locality having tens of dogs on streets terrifying people, biting them and causing accidents. Veterinarian Dr. C. S. Arun discusses about Rabies and answers common questions that confront people when they are faced with dog bites. *—Ed*

By Dr. C.S. Arun, M.V.Sc.

Rabies is the most discussed disease of animals, as it is communicable to human beings and is almost always fatal. There are only seven recorded cases of human rabies survivors in the world. It is the tenth biggest cause of death due to infectious diseases worldwide. **In India, every year 1.7 crore people are bitten by dogs resulting in death of more than 20,000 people. Post-bite treatment costs our economy more than Rs. 150 crore per annum.** *Here are a few questions raised by people that I will try to answer:*

Q: What causes Rabies?

A: Rabies is caused by a virus belonging to Rhabdoviridae family.

Q: Which are all the animals susceptible to Rabies?

A: All warm-blooded animals are susceptible to Rabies. It is more common in wolves, jackals, raccoons, coyote, dogs, cats, rats, bats, monkeys, mongoose, horses, donkeys and cattle.

Q: How is this disease transmitted?

A: Rabies virus is transmitted via the saliva of infected animal through bite or wound contamination. There are very few instances of disease transmission through organ transplantation. It is not a contagious disease.

Q: What is the time gap between the bite and appearance of clinical signs?

A: Incubation period in Rabies varies from a few days to few years. It depends on the viral load in saliva, depth of bite, degree of innervations at site of bite and immune status of the animal.

Q: What are the clinical symptoms of Rabies?

A: Rabies gets expressed in two forms — Furious form and Dumb form.

Symptoms seen in Furious form are excitement, continuous bellowing or barking, excessive salivation, phobia towards light and water etc. Once these signs set in, death is inevitable within a week's time.

In Dumb form of Rabies, affected animal will be dull, listless, seek seclusion, anorectic and may not make any sound. Disease course may be longer here. It is difficult to suspect Rabies incidence in this form.

Q: How to diagnose a case of Rabies?

A: Diagnosis of Rabies is based on history of animal bite, clinical signs, biological tests and post-mortem examination of brain in the laboratory.

Q: Is there any treatment for Rabies?

A: Once the clinical signs start, there is no treatment for Rabies. However, the following measures have to be taken immediately in case of an animal bite:

* Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and running water.

* Apply antiseptics like alcohol, povidone iodine, Dettol or Savlon.

*Don't bandage or suture the wound as far as possible.

*Seek professional help immediately for administration of anti-rabies immunoglobulin and anti-rabies vaccine (ARV).

Q: How to prevent Rabies?

A: Preventive measures include timely vaccination for all pet animals against Rabies as per the veterinarian's advice, prompt treatment for animal bite cases, stray animal population control and mass education.

Q: What is the preventive vaccination schedule for pet dogs and cats?

A: Puppies and kittens have to be vaccinated against Rabies first at 8 weeks of age, a booster after 3 weeks and thereafter every year.

Q: Do we have to take ARV if a vaccinated pet bites us?

A: No. If the pet is vaccinated properly and the efficacy of the vaccine is confirmed by laboratory evidence, there is no need to take ARV. However, proper wound treatment is mandatory.

Q: Do we have to take ARV if a pet scratches us?

A: Scratches from a rabid animal definitely necessitate ARV administration because of possible contamination with saliva. Scratches from a pet need proper wound treatment.

Q: I am bitten by an unvaccinated pet dog. Is ARV necessary?

A: Yes. Start the ARV course of 0, 3 and 7 days. Watch the pet for 10 days. If he is healthy, you may stop the post-bite vaccination. But get the dog vaccinated promptly.

Q: I am bitten by a stray animal. What should I do?

A: Apart from prompt wound treatment, seek medical help to get injected with anti-rabies immunoglobulin locally at the site of bite and a course of ARV on days 0, 3, 7, 14 and 28. If it is possible to observe the stray animal, watch him for at least 10 days.

Q: Is accidental consumption of milk or meat from Rabies affected animal dangerous?

A: Rabies virus may get excreted in milk also to a lesser extent. It won't survive in temperatures >8 degree Celsius. So boiled or pasteurised milk and cooked meat are safe to consume.

Q: Is ARV safe? Are there any side effects?

A: ARV is an inactivated vaccine and hence there is no pathogenecity due to vaccination. Modern day cell culture vaccines don't have any side effects. However, transient fever and a local swelling may be observed in a few cases.

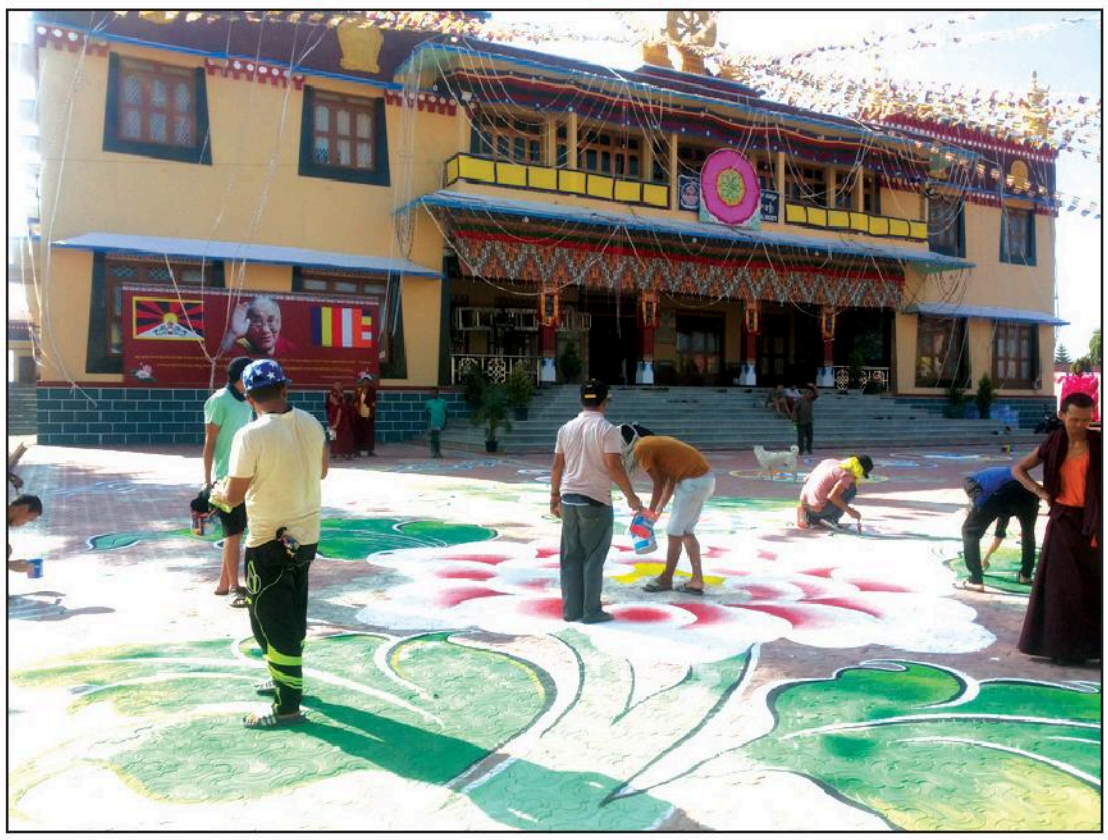
Q: Is ARV safe for pregnant and lactating animals?

A: Yes, ARV can be safely administered to pregnant and lactating animals also.

Q: My pet is vaccinated long back. Can it be vaccinated now?

A: Yes. He has to be vaccinated now and preferably again after 21 days to ensure proper immunity.

Dalai Lama on a five-day visit to Bylakuppe from tomorrow



Bylakuppe, Dec.18 (Rajesh& KS)- Tibetan Spiritual leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Dalai Lama will arrive at Bylakuppe tomorrow on a five-day visit to the Tibetan Settlement Camp here. Hence, Additional SP Rudramuni has requested Tibetans at Bylakuppe to collect their Identity Cards and co-operate with the Police.

Rudramuni was speaking at the preliminary meeting chaired by Tahsildar J. Mahesh at the Tibetan Settlement Lugsam Community Hall at Bylakuppe in which Tibetan brethren and various officials of the taluk participated.

Dy.SP Bhaskar, Circle Inspector Siddaiah, SI Lokesh, EO Basavaraju, PDO Shivayoga, Chief Monk of Lama Camp Chamba, Settlement Officer Gelak and others were present.

Settlement Camps being spruced up

Hectic preparations are underway at every Tibetan Camps in Bylakuppe to welcome the Tibetan spiritual leader, who will be arriving tomorrow.

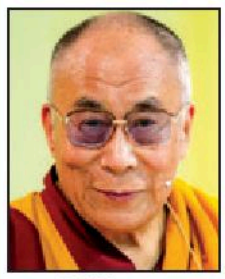
Almost all the roads leading to Bylakuppe and Tibetan Settlement Camps are asphalted, roadside buildings painted, entry arch decorated with Tibetan style paintings and rangolis drawn, giving the place a festive look.

During his stay at Bylakuppe, the Dalai Lama will hold discussions with Scientists and will deliver discourses at Serajin Cultural Hall.

Z Security has been provided to the Dalai Lama and the District Administration and Taluk Administration are ready to welcome the spiritual leader.

The Dalai Lama will leave Bylakuppe on Dec.23.

Inauguration of Debating Hall and Science Centre on Dec. 21



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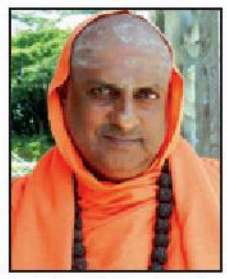
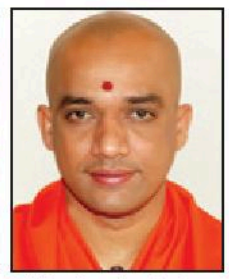


Sri Deshikendra Swamiji



Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji

The Dalai Lama will inaugurate the Debating Hall and the Science Centre at Sera Mey Thoesam Norling Monastery at Sera Lama Camp in Bylakuppe on Dec.21 at 8.30 am.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Couple cheats man of Rs. 2 crore by promising 'Horlicks' agency

Woman arrested for pledging victim's property documents to avail loan; husband, brother on the run

Mysuru, Dec.18 (MTY&BCT)- Ashokapuram Police have arrested a woman and are on the lookout for her husband for cheating their company's employee of Rs. 2 crore after they pledged his property documents as a surety at a bank to take a loan.

The woman has been identified as Madhura and her husband who is on the run is Naresh. Both are the residents of Bengaluru.

The couple had, sometime back, opened Avighna Enterprises at Kuvempunagar in Mysuru and had appointed one Aravind to manage the office. They promised him to get him an agency of GlaxoSmithKline to distribute Horlicks in Mysuru.

Influenced by their smooth talk and promises, Aravind fell into the trap easily as the couple told him that he would be the sole distributor of Horlicks in Mysuru and he could make good business. Aravind was told by the couple that it requires a sizeable investment to procure the agency and the money has to be deposited with the company.

Madhura

Naresh

Aravind then convinced his mother Aruna to part with the property documents that was worth crores of rupees. He then handed over the documents to Madhura and Naresh and they, in turn, promised him that they would return the documents in a month or two.

After some time, the couple closed their company and fled the city after obtaining Rs. 2 crore loan from Karnataka Bank by pledging Aravind's property documents.

This had not come to Aravind's knowledge and whenever he called them, the couple was seeking more time to return the documents.

As the couple failed to pay the loan instalments, the Bank sent a notice to Aravind's house as the pledged property documents were in his name. Shocked by the notice, Aravind told the Bank officials that he had not taken any loan from the Bank.

He later approached the Bank with his advocate and the Bank officials showed him the loan papers.

Aravind then filed a petition in the First Chief Judicial Magistrate Court in Mysuru and the Court ordered Ashokapuram Police to investigate.

Investigating the case, the Police booked Naresh, Madhura and Naresh's brother Dinesh. They are on the lookout for the other accused.

Police probe revealed that the accused had cheated Swaroop of J.P. Nagar, Yogesh of Vijayanagar and one Sunil by obtaining their property documents and pledging them at different Banks. This way, the couple cheated unsuspecting victims of crores of rupees.

They also used such sureties to obtain Rs. 36 lakh from Margadarsi Chit Fund, the Police said.

Passenger dies in train

Mysuru, Dec.18- A 60-year-old elderly passenger, who was travelling from the city to Bengaluru in Mysuru-Bengaluru push-pull train yesterday, reportedly died of heart attack near Mandya.

The man, whose identity is yet to be established, suffered a heart attack even as the train was moving, following which other passengers attended to him. But he died, even before he was shifted to the hospital, it is learnt.

His body was taken in the train to Bengaluru Railway Station from where his body was shifted to Victoria Hospital mortuary.

Bengaluru Railway Police have registered a case in this regard.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Weltanschauung

Pronunciation: velt-ahn-shou-oo ng
Meaning: A comprehensive conception or image of the universe and of humanity's relation to it.
Origin: Weltanschauung is a German word. It is known to have entered English in the 1860s. It is a concept fundamental to German philosophy and epistemology and refers to a wide world perception. Additionally, it refers to the framework of ideas and beliefs forming a global description through which an individual, group or culture watches and interprets the world and interacts with it. The German word is also in use in English, as well as the translated form world outlook or world view.

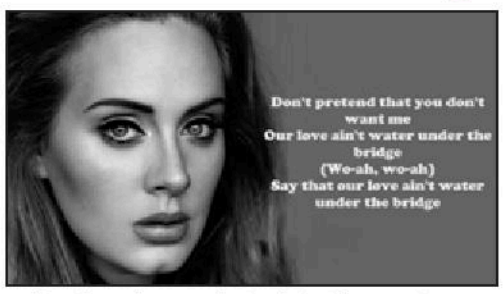
THE ODD WORD

Talpa

Mole or similar mark on the body.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Water Under The Bridge


Don't pretend that you don't want me
Our love ain't water under the bridge
(We-ah, we-ah)
Say that our love ain't water under the bridge

Meaning: Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore.
Origin: The origin of this phrase is not too clear. However, the analogy is probably that water under the bridge is constantly moving toward the sea. under the bridge is an idiom cliche used to refer to something that is over and gone and so not worth thinking any more about. It dares from the twentieth century and is still widespread, as "She used to go out with the boy next door but that's all water under the bridge. She married someone else long ago." There is the similar phrase "much (or a lot of) water has passed (or flowed or gone) under (or beneath) the bridge since ...", meaning "much time has passed and many different things have happened since .

QUOTE BOX

Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans. It is lovely to be silly at the right moment. **—Horace**

RIDDLE THIS

What's the meaning of the puzzle below?
R+R NaCl

Answer: Somersault.

SUDOKU

		7		6				3
6								7
	5			4	7			
	4			8		3		
	3		1		6		2	
		2		5			9	
			9	1			6	
4								2
8				7		1		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	7	3	4	8	5	9	1	2
8	5	4	2	9	1	7	3	6
9	2	1	3	7	6	5	4	8
2	9	5	6	1	8	4	7	3
3	4	7	9	5	2	8	6	1
1	8	6	7	4	3	2	5	9
4	3	9	1	2	7	6	8	5
7	6	8	5	3	9	1	2	4
5	1	2	8	6	4	3	9	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A plant with medicinal properties
5 Greek goddess of dawn
8 Cancelled or discharged a debt
12 A concise statement of a precept or rule, a maxim
13 Ever present as a prefix
14 One row above another
15 Render foolish or unable to act intelligently
17 Cloth worn around the neck
19 Make engravings
20 Bread spread?
22 Something that's planted as a bait, as in "___ duck"?
26 ___ the lawn : cut the grass which had grown up?
29 Rajput king ___ Pratap
30 Air Transp. Radio
31 Bored languor
33 Arab market
34 Once again or afresh
36 Is bested
38 Show unholy glee?
40 Indian sage or wise man
41 Jewish family name
43 Large flat fish
47 Former British Prime Minister 1874-80
51 German canal
52 You too in Latin (2,2)
53 Encourages or reassures
54 Communists, colloquially speaking
55 Apollo vehicle
56 Talkative bird

DOWN

1 Coverings for the head
2 Type of poem
3 South America's answer to the ostrich and the emu
4 Have on loan
5 Electronic Instrument Sys.
6 Bone prefix
7 Obscene talk, pictures or stories
8 A noisy disturbance; fuss; mental turmoil
9 The French friend? (2,1)
10 Information, in short?
11 Home "improvements" (abbr.)
16 Liquid Crystal Display
18 Skedaddle; run away
21 "Dane" anagram for a girl's name?
23 __ history: professional information a doctor needs about his patient?
24 The burden of proof?
25 "Kay" changes into an ox
26 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
27 Famous cookie
28 African native
30 Famous Hindi movie of days gone by - fire in Hindi?
32 Electrically charged particles
35 Large marine mammal related to the seals
37 Indian state bordering China
39 Beverage served hot or iced?
40 A. A. ___ : creator of Winnie the Pooh?
42 Beyond the ___ : in the unknown state of life after death?
44 Roomy or breezy
45 Young adult
46 Different "sale" gets you the girl?
47 "The" in German
48 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
49 PCO facility
50 Any doctrine

FRIDAY'S ANSWER:

M	A	R	C	■	P	E	E	R	■	H	T	C
E	T	U	I	■	S	A	G	O	■	E	A	U
A	E	E	C	■	A	R	G	O	N	A	U	T
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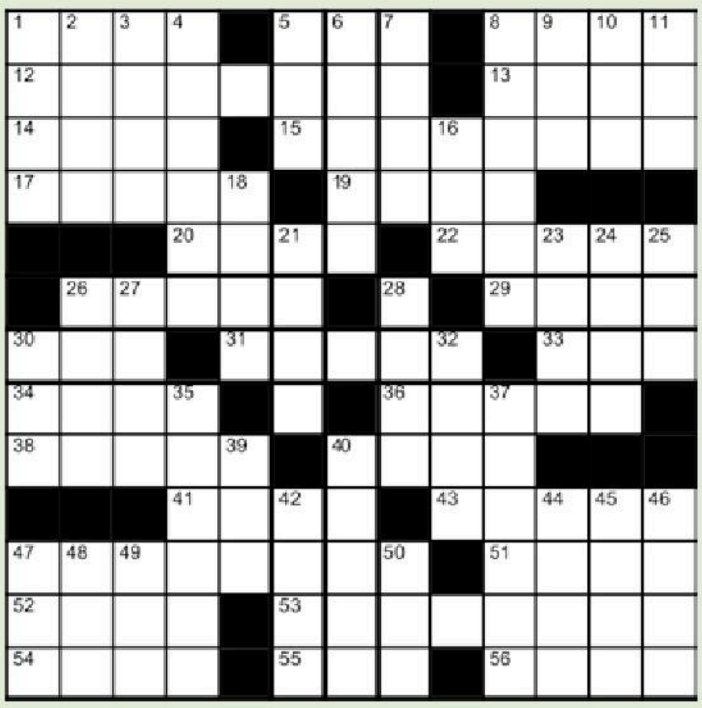

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XQUMW-UT CVTBP RWQW WPSVCFUPIWX PL DLPS LH SIW

GVQP SLXVE GLAFX PWW SIWUQ QWVF LRTWQP

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS T

Friday's Cryptoquip: I say that a man must be certain of his morality for the simple reason that he has to suffer for it.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Illa	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Mookha Hakki	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
College Kumar	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Sahasa Simha	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Tarak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ajji Lehya	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Bharjari	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Muzaffarnagar	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Bareilly Ki Barfi	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Raju Gari Gadhi 2	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Mathangi	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Jawaan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
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Ferdinand (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.00 am
	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		5.45 pm
Star Wars: The Last Jedi (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am
Monsoon Shootout (H)	(S-2)	7.50 pm
Seetha... Ramuni Kosam (Te)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Illa (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Maayavan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Tumhari Sulu (H)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Juliet Lover of Idiot (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.10 pm
		4.05 pm, 7, 9.55 pm

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Star Wars: The Last Jedi (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 4.10 pm, 9.40
Star Wars: The Last Jedi (E-2D)	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 6.25 pm
Ferdinand (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Ferdinand (E-2D)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.00 pm
Fukrey Returns (H)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 6.50 pm, 9.50
	(S-4)	1.25 pm
Maayavan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.50 pm
Hare Krishna !	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Illa (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Juliet Lover of Idiot (Te)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-4)	9.55 pm

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TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
5:00 pm Wild Frank In India	6:30pm KBD Superhits	6:00pm Primal Survivor
6:00 Man Vs. Wild	7:00 Superstars	7:00 Airport Security
7:00 How It's Made	7:30 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2017 H/ls : 3rd ODI	8:00 Rare
7:30 Fail Army	8:00 ISL Weekly	9:00 Street Genius
8:00 Wild Frank In India	8:30 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2017	9:30 S.O.S Smartest Show on Tv
9:00 Man Vs. Wild	9:00 Match Point : India vs. Sri Lanka	10:00 The Long Road Home
10:00 Bear Grylls: Survival School	9:30 Cricket Countdown	11:00 Body Hack
6:30 Oggy & the Cockroaches	7:00 pm Mahaganapathi	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:00 Kanishk Ka Chamcha No 1	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Oggy & the Cockroaches	8:00 Naga Kanyaka	8:00 Nandini
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:30 Shaneeswaran	9:00 Jeevanadhi
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:00 Nandini	9:30 Doddamane Sose
	9:30 Ayalathe Sundari	10:00 Sarayoo
	10:00 Premam	10:30 Udaya Singer Junior

MOVIES TONIGHT

6:12pm **The Amazing Spider-Man 2**	6:51pm **Jack Reacher: Never Go Back**	7:16pm **The Tuxedo**
8:59 **X-Men: Apocalypse**	9:00 **The Legend of Tarzan**	9:00 **Inception**
11:51 **X-Men**	11:00 **The Last Airbender**	11:33 **Good Luck Chuck**
6:00pm **Meri Jung: One Man Army**	5:37pm **Time Story**	6:00pm **Movie**
8:55 **Bairavaa**	8:55 **Himmatwar**	9:00 **Movie**
	11:58 **Main Faisla Karoonga**	
5:51pm **Hellboy II: The Golden Army**	4:00pm **Gilli**	4:52pm **Jai Ho**
8:23 **Warcraft**	7:00 **Gajapathi Garvabanga**	7:55 **Raaz Reboot**
11:00 **Vertical Limit**	10:00 **Shuklambaradaram**	10:31 **Makkhi**

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.18)

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Children's Literary Club, Mysuru: "Imagination on the Run: Children Enact Scenes from Select Stories" - 5, Co-ordinated by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Government Girls Hostel, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

FPAIndia-ULBA Hospital Mysuru and Rudset Institute Mysuru: Adolescent Education Programme for Community Youths Male and Female, RUDSETI Mysuru Director N.G. Lakshman Rao inaugurates, FPAIndia Mysuru Branch Hon. Secretary D.S. Shashikumar presides, FPAIndia Mysuru Branch Member Dr. S.S. Malini and FPAIndia Mysuru Branch BEC Member Dr. K.S. Umashankar resource persons, RUDSETI, Hinkal, **5.30 pm.**

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC) Trust: Parangathotsava-2017, 31st edition of Veterans Classical Music and Dance Festival of National stature, felicitation to K. Nandini Mehta and K. Murali Mohan by KSGH Music University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, Kathak Dance by Nandini Mehta and Murali Mohan, Sri Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru and Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE), Mysuru: Lecture on 'Hearing Technologies: A focus on auditory brain stem implants' by Dr. Sneha Bharadwaj (Associate Professor, TEXAS University, US), ISHRAE Mysuru President P.V. Bharadwaj will be present, IEI Mysuru Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Anukarana: *Natakotsava*, staging of play *'Satru andre Satra...?'* by students of Sri Vivekananda PU College, Sri Kuvempu Ranga Mandira, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.19)

District Administration: 'Swachh Quiz' to create awareness on Swachh Survekshan- 2018, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**

Chraisthara Pragathipara Samsthe: Christmas Celebrations with Blind and Release of Calendar-2018, MLC Ivan D'Souza chief guest, M.S. Maria Das, Advocate and Legal Advisor, Mysuru, K.T. Mathew Thomas, Dy.SP, Dept Enquiry Section, IGP Office, Rev. Fr. Backet D'Souza, Rev. K.P. Deva Kumar, Rev. Victor, Rev. Sr. Sujatha guests of honour, Puttaraju, Dist. Commissioner, Minority Division, Mysuru and Madhawa Rao, Karnataka Minority Community Development Corporation, Mysuru, special invitees, Gnanaprakash, President, Chraisthara Pragathipara Samsthe, will be present, CSI Wesley Church Guild Hall, St. Theresa Road, **10.30 am.**

Zilla Panchayat: Meeting, ZP President Nayeem Sulthana presides, ZP Hall, **11 am.**

Shree Mahaveera Jain Vidyalaya: Annual Day celebrations, Utsav'8 cultural extravaganza, M. Zohra Jabeen, Director, Directorate of Urdu and other Minority Language Schools, GoK, chief guest, Manjula, DDPI, Mysuru, guest of honour, Devichand S. Salecha, President, Shree Mahaveer Jain Vidyalaya, Mysuru, presides, Kalamandira, **4 pm.**

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Computer training for women on Dec. 22

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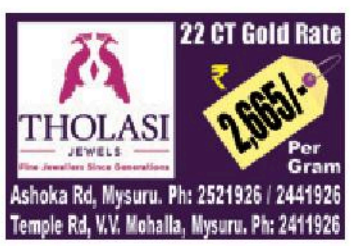
For details, contact Rukmini Chandran on Mob: 94483-54648 or Kalpana on Mob: 74060-64559.



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